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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Central African Republic, Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan: draft resolution*

Requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the letter dated 24 June 2005 from the Chairman of the Committee on Contributions addressed to the President of the General Assembly[1] regarding the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions on requests for exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the obligation of Member States under Article 17 of the Charter to bear the expenses of the Organization as apportioned by the General Assembly,

1. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

2. *Also reaffirms* its resolution 54/237 C of 23 December 1999;

3. *Agrees* that the failure of the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Tajikistan to pay the full minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control;

4. *Decides* that the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until the Assembly takes a final decision during the main part of the sixtieth session;

* In order for the General Assembly to take action on the present draft resolution, it will be necessary for the Assembly to decide to consider agenda item 113 directly in a plenary meeting.

[1] A/59/864.

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5. *Takes note* of the information provided by the Niger and Sao Tome and Principe;[2]

6. *Agrees* that the failure of the Niger and Sao Tome and Principe to pay the full minimum amount necessary to avoid the application of Article 19 of the Charter was due to conditions beyond their control, and invites the Niger and Sao Tome and Principe to submit appropriate information to the Committee on Contributions if similar circumstances prevail in the future;

7. *Decides* that the Niger and Sao Tome and Principe should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until the Assembly takes a final decision during the main part of the sixtieth session.

[2] A/59/868 and A/59/869.